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clerks. The Board therefore ordered that the appointment of clerks as Sub-Inspectors even temporarily should be suspended. The order was subsequently reconsidered and in January 1948 it was decided that clerks should continue to be appointed as Sub-Inspectors but only on a temporary basis as it was feared that Police department would not be willing to take all such Sub-Inspectors in the event of enforcement work being transferred to that department. Subsequently in 1950, the question was raised whether it was not desirable to stop the recruitment of clerks to executive posts in the Excise Prohibition Department and pending final orders on this question, the Government suspended recruitment of clerks as Sub-Inspectors. Final orders were passed sanctioning the continuance of the recruitment of clerks as Sub-Inspectors in 1951, but till then the Board did not take up the question of regularizing the temporary appointments of the Sub-Inspectors, as the whole question was in a nebulous state. In December 1952, the Board submitted proposals for the regularization of these temporary appointments, but the question was deferred pending a decision on the question of the ultimate agency for the enforcement of prohibition and in view of the formation of the Andhra State.

" (e) Yes, Sir."

Building grant for the Board High School, Coondapoor.

* 298 Q.—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the South Kanara District Board has applied for a building grant to construct a 'Hall' for the Board High School, Coondapoor; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The question of admitting the scheme to aid from State funds is under consideration."

Disputes between the employees and the respective managements of Messrs. Parry & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Best & Co., Ltd., Madras.

* 299 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to settle the industrial disputes between the employees and the managements of Messrs. Parry & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Best & Co., Ltd., Madras, respectively?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" In accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, the Labour Officer, Madras, held conciliation proceedings in the disputes